

ROSEMONT COPPER MINE – TIMELINES

March 2006	The Coronado National Forest (CNF) began government-to-government consultation with 12 tribes after receiving Rosemont Copper’s intent to file a preliminary mine plan of operations (MPO)
July 2007	Rosemont Copper submitted a preliminary MPO to the CNF requesting approval to construct, operate, reclaim, and close an open pit copper mine on National Forest System and adjacent State and private lands
February 2008	Rosemont Copper submitted a supplemental preliminary MPO to the CNF
March 2008	The CNF sent a letter to tribes indicating that the Project was continuing
March 13, 2008	USFS Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an EIS (73 FR 13527) requested scoping comments
April 29, 2008	USFS Corrected NOI (73 FR 23181) extended the scoping comment period to mid-July 2008 (120 days total) and announced 3 public hearings
November 2010	The Corps issued a Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination that 101.6 acres of potentially jurisdictional waters of the United States (WUS) are in the proposed project area
October 19, 2011	USFS Notice of Availability of Draft EIS (76 FR 64893)
January 5, 2012	EPA Region IX reaffirmed the 2009 designation of the Davidson Canyon and Cienega Creek watershed as “aquatic resources of national importance” and identified the Rosemont Section 404 permit action as a candidate for EPA and Corps Headquarters review under the 1992 EPA-Department of the Army MOA
February 21, 2012	EPA Region IX rated the USFS Rosemont Copper Mine Project Draft EIS as Environmentally Unacceptable and Inadequate (“EU-3”) on the basis of anticipated impacts to air quality and water resources and a lack of adequate information pertaining to mine design, geochemistry, reclamation, water resources, and air quality (respectively).
October 2013	The CNF completed NHPA Section 106 consultation with the Arizona SHPO, resulting in a finding that the Project would result in adverse effects on historic properties
October 30, 2013	USFWS issued Final Biological and Conference Opinion (BO)
December 13, 2013	USFS issued final EIS (FEIS) and draft Record of Decision (ROD) and Finding of Nonsignificant Forest Plan Amendment for the Rosemont Copper

	Project NEPA referral period was extended to a date TBD
December 31, 2013	Newspaper notice opened a 45-day Objection process until February 14, 2014
January 3, 2014	USFS Notice of Availability of Final EIS (79 FR 392)
January 29, 2014	CEQ and EPA HQ Site Visit
May 23, 2014	USFS letter to USFWS conveying intent to reinitiate formal consultation based on an ocelot in the action area, supplement the biological assessment, and request conference on the effects on the northern Mexican gartersnake and yellow-billed cuckoo and certain proposed critical habitat
June 13, 2014	Regional Forester issued letter responding to 101 eligible Objection letters
September 26, 2014	Corps provided USFS with revised Habitat Mitigation and Monitoring Plan (HMMP)
May 22, 2015	USFS completed Final Supplemental Information Report (revised June 2015) and Supplemental Biological Assessment
May 26, 2015	USFS reinitiated formal ESA Section 7 consultation

Projected Notional Timeline (based on August 20, 2015 Gantt chart)

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